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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th/March, through Sunday, 14th/March there were 240 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XF4, XT, XU, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. Mart, DL6UAA, who was active earlier in the week from Mauritius as 3B8MM, is now active as **3B9MM**. The length of his stay is not known, but he seems to be very active on CW on the WARC bands. QSL via DL6UAA.

4W, TIMOR LESTE. Operator **4W4JEG** was active this past weekend on 21245 kHz after 0215z. QSL via JR6ETW.

5H, TANZANIA (Also IOTA Op). Eric, SM1TDE, will be active as 5H3/SM1TDE from **Dar Es Salaam** between **April 4-18th**. His activity will mainly be on CW but with some RTTY and

SSB as well. His frequencies for CW are usually 2 kHz up from the band edges. He will only use 100w and simple antennas. Eric may also be active for a few days from **Zanzibar Island (AF-032)** during the second week. QSL via SM1TDE, by the bureau or CBA.

5K, COLOMBIA. Pedro, HK1HHK, announced that he will be using the callsign **5K1X** during the **CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th)**. Operating class is not sure. QSL via HK1HHX.

5V7C QRT. The 5V7C team is now back home. They went QRT this past Saturday around 1330z. The team is very tired but are pleased that they made some 17500 QSOs. Look for more updates on news about the QSL cards and online logs. Remember to QSL via F5TVG. A complete report on the DXpedition will be available soon on their Web page at: <http://www.5v7c.free.fr>

6 METERS MARATHON. Attention 6 meter Ops! The Rientolan Amateur Radio Club, OH3AG, invites you to participate in the first **Global Six Meters Marathon**. The objective of the Marathon is to work as many DXCC countries as possible between **May 8th, 2004**, at 0000z and **August 8th, 2004**, at 2400z on the six meters band. The results of this contest will be published during the Tampere Six Meters Forum on August 14th when the Magic Band enthusiasts abroad will meet. This marathon is open to all amateur radio operators world wide. You can follow this contest online at: <http://www.50mc.tk>

9A80, CROATIA (Special Event/Attention Prefix Hunters!). Emir, 9A6AA, informs OPDX that **Radio Club "Zagreb"**, one of the oldest radio amateur radio clubs in Europe, is celebrating its **80th anniversary**. The club was founded on March 29, 1924. There will be three special event stations active daily using the prefix 9A80 (9 Alpha Eight Zero) until December 31st, 2004. Look for the following: **9A80Z**, **9A80ABD** and **9A80ADE**. QSL via the following QSL Managers: 9A80ADE and 9A80Z via 9A3KR, 9A80ABD via 9A4A.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. As this was being written Don, K6IPV, was preparing to leave Sunday night for a visit to his old friend, VK6XA, in Perth. He will not be on the air there since Bill has sold his gear. However, from there he will head to Hillview Gardens, in Borneo, where Don will operate as **9M6AAC** before the contest and **9M6A** during the contest. QSL is via N2OO. His arrival at HGARC is on **March 24th**, and his last day on the air will be the 30th.

BW3, TAIWAN. Tatsuhiko, JD1BKQ, will be active as **BW3/JD1BKQ** in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via JR3PZW.

CORRECTION DEPARTMENT. The following are the corrected Web links which had typos in their URL address in last week's [OPDX.651](http://www.opdx.com) (ed. Sorry, your editor's eyes are getting old!). Please correct the URLs under the following headings:

- **SKP 2004.** <http://www.prarl.org/skeyparty2004.htm>
- **XF4, REVILLA GIGEDO.** <http://xf4ih.xedx.net>

CT7, PORTUGAL. Look for Dario/CT1EWE and Nelson/CT2GVG to participate in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th)** using the special callsign **CT7Z**. QSL via the operator's instructions.

EI25, IRELAND (Special Event). To celebrate the enlargement of the European Union to 25 members on May 1st, the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) is issuing a European Union Enlargement Award for amateurs who contact special event stations with the prefix "EI25" during the weekend of May 1-2nd. The special event stations will be located in ten Irish cities/towns which will represent or have been twinned with a new member state as listed below:

Special Event Callsign	QTH	Represented/Twinned with New Member State
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EI25CY	Bray	Cyprus
EI25ES	Galway	Estonia
EI25HA	Sligo	Hungary
EI25LY	Kilkenny	Lithuania
EI25ML	Waterford	Malta
EI25OK	Killarney	Czech Republic
EI25OM	Cork	Slovakia
EI25SL	Limerick	Slovenia
EI25SP	Letterkenny	Poland
EI25YL	Drogheda	Latvia

In addition, an IRTS HQ station with the callsign EI25EU will be operational from Dublin.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS: To qualify for the award, stations should work the ten EI25 stations listed above but may use the HQ station EI25EU as a "joker" for one missing contact (Also see **SUBSTITUTE STATIONS**). **SUBSTITUTE STATIONS:** If a contact with one or more of the EI25 stations is not made it can be substituted by 2 contacts with stations located in the relevant new member country (e.g. If EI25HA is not worked, it may be replaced by QSOs with 2 HA stations. However, a total of 3 EI25 stations must be included in the award submission). While EI25 stations will only be active on May 1-2nd, 2004, contacts with "Substitute Stations" may be made up to 5/31/2004. All applications for the award must be received by 12/31/2004. The award is available to SWLs on a 'heard' basis. QSL cards are not required, but applications should be submitted by way of log entries certified by two licenced amateurs. The Award will not be endorsed for band or mode. A fee of € 5.00 or 5 IRCs should accompany the application which should be addressed to: IRTS Awards Manager, P O Box 462, Dublin 9, Ireland.

HB75, SWITZERLAND (Special Event/Attention Prefix Hunters!). During the year 2004, the **Swiss Amateur Radio Club** (USKA) headquarters will be using the special callsign **HB75A** in celebrating its **75th anniversary**. For prefix hunters: There will be an entry in CQ WPX SSB Contest with the all time new prefix, HB75A. Operators for the contest have not yet been decided, but they will enter the contest as a Multi-Single. QSL via HB9A.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-079.** Yoshiro, JA1AMP (JL3SIK), will be active from **Tarama Island** (part of the Miyako Islands), **April 9-11th**. His callsign will be **JA1APM/6**. Look for activity on 40-6 meters CW/SSB (possibly RTTY, PSK31 and MFSK16). QSL via JL3SIK by the bureau or direct to: Yoshiro Nishimura, Takemidai 4-2-6, Suita City, Osaka 565-0863, JAPAN.
- **AS-117.** A team of JA operators will be active as **JO1ZZZ/3** from **Awaji Island, March 20-21st**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and MFSK16. QSL

via JL3SIK (QRZ.com).

- **EU-075.** Charles, KE2SP, will be active as **SV8/KE2SP** from **Hydra Island** until **June 15th**. He is running QRP (5 watts into a dipole). He was heard this past week on 21277 kHz at 1248z and 18162 kHz at 1453. QSL via his home callsign.
- **EU-128.** Andy, DL4OK, will be active as **DL4OK/p** from the **Staberhuk Lighthouse** (ARLHS reference FED-226) located on **Fehmarn Island** (GIA O-01 for the German Islands Award), **March 18-25th**. His activity will be on 80-10 meter CW/SSB. QSL via the DARC Bureau to DL4OK.
- **NA-184.** Operators Ed/K0NW and Laurence/WA6LUT will be active from **St. Georges Reef (NA-184)** and the Lighthouse (ARLHS USA 793) from **April 30th to May 2nd**. The callsign will be **WA6LUT**. The operators will be primarily on SSB on the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL to WA6LUT.
- **OC-170.** (Update to OPDX.651) Alek, VK6APK, has sent OPDX an update regarding the trip to **Woody Island**, by the VK6DX Chasers Club commencing **March 20th**. The callsign to be used will be **VK6EWI**. This is the same callsign that was used during the last activation of the island by the group. Also, a seventh member has joined the operating team. He is Richard, VK6TT. Look for them on or near the standard IOTA frequencies on 40-10 meters.

KH6, HAWAII. Yuzuru, JR1AGC, will be active **KH6/JR1AGC** from **Kona, March 28th through April 1st**. Activity will be on 75-6 meters, but he mostly prefers 15 meters SSB (21202/21242 kHz). Antennas mentioned are a 75-30m Long-Wire, 20-10m SIGMA-5 and 6m HB9CV.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Harry, W6DXO, will be active as **KP2/W6DXO** from the Island of **St. John (NA-106)** between **now and March 19th**. Activity will be mainly on 17/12/10 meters SSB and with PSK activity planned. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY. Look for Steve, G0SGB, to be active as ZB/G0SGB/p from the **Europa Point Lighthouse** (ARLHS GIB-001) from **Gibraltar on March 20-21st**. He also plans to activate four other lighthouses on Gibraltar during this stay there. There is also reports that Steve, G0SGB, will be active from various lighthouses in **Spain** as **EA/G0SGB/p** on **March 22nd and 23rd**. Activity will be mainly on 14264 kHz or possibly other bands as conditions permit. QSL via his home callsign (QRZ.com).

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Operators OH2GEK, OH3BHL, OH8GCW and OH9MM will be active as **OH0I** in the **Russian DX Contest (March 20-21st)** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via OH3BHL. ADDED NOTE: Also, look for activity in the BARTG RTTY Contest with a separate station on the air!

PJ4, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Helmut, DF7ZS, informs OPDX that he will be operating in the **CQ WPX Contest** as a Single-Op/All-Band entry (starting **March 27th**) on SSB from **Bonaire** as **PJ4P**. He will stay for **one week** after the contest operating as **PJ4/DF7ZS** for some casual operations. QSL is via his home callsign. Logs will be available after his return at: <http://www.df7zs.de>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **6D9X QSLs.** Jim, N1NK, announced this past week that after a couple of setbacks in the printing process, he now has the 6D9X QSLs and the first batch of cards went out in the mail March 9th. All the direct requests that he has, should be processed in the next couple of weeks. He is sorry about the delay.
- **QSL the recent (Friday, March 12th) 4U1UN activity to QSL Manager HB9BOU,** direct or via the USKA (HB9) QSL Bureau. Operators were Theo/PB7CW and Henry/KT1J/PA0AFN.
- **Pictures and online logs are now available for the recent Takara Island (AS-049) operation by JA6PSE (Op JI5USJ) and JA6PSI (Op JI5RPT) at the following Web site:** <http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/index.html>
- **QSL XU7POS via ON4AJV.** Activity was a one day operation from Kos Pos Island. Operators were Jack/ON4AJV and Wim/ON6TZ.
- **QSL YC3MM/M via IZ8CCW.** Operator was Adhi, YC3MM, was a mobile station from Madura Island (OC-237) only on Sunday, March 14th, 2004.
- **ZK3SB LOG.** The log for ZK3SB has now been updated and is complete on the following Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb/zk3/logs.htm>

RESULTS OF THE 2003 BEST DXPEDITION SURVEY. The 425 DX News announced their results of the "Best 2003 DXpedition Survey" this past week. The STORY DXpedition to Sudan (March-April 2003) was voted the 425 DX News "DXpedition of the Year" for 2003. Congratulations to the winner. For more details and the complete list, please visit the following Web page at: http://www.425dxn.org/trophy_2003/

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. Reports are coming out that at least half of the 800 year old Helandari Monastery complex was destroyed by a fire last week on Thursday. None of the 25 resident monks were hurt, and reports indicate that a collection of centuries old icons, heirlooms and religious relics were saved. This is **not** the same location where our friend Monk Apollo, **SV2ASP/A**, lives and transmits from. The fire was at the Chelandri Monastery. Monk Apollo lives at the Docheiariou Monastery. For more details and actual pictures of the fire, please visit the following Web pages at: http://www.realitymacedonia.org.mk/web/news_page.asp?nid=3031 and http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcgi/_w_articles_politics_100012_05/03/2004_40313

SV9, CRETE (Early Contest Announcement). Look for operators Roberto/I2WIJ, Salvatore/IK8UND, Luigi/IK8HCG and possibly others to be active as **J49Z** during the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 30-31st)** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via IK8UND, direct only.

T33, BANABA (DXpedition Update). Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ, sent out the following press release last week: "During the next two weeks, members of the T33C team will be heading for rendezvous on Tarawa (T30), and from there on to Banaba (T33). T33C should be on-the-air by April 4 or 5. All of the equipment that was shipped from Europe has now cleared Kiribati customs and is ready for transfer to Te Taobe, the boat that will take the team from Tarawa to Banaba. T33C's likely operating frequencies are now posted on the expedition Web site: <http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/> The T33C operators understand that there will be other DXpeditions on the air at the same time. For that reason, our frequencies may change from time to time. To prevent overlap and confusion with other operations, we will try to maintain splits and spreads that do not conflict. We encourage all hams to be sure that any packet spots of T33C are, in fact, our station. It would be a shame to work another station thinking you were

working T33C and not be in our log. This has happened before on other expeditions. If there is any doubt whether or not you are our log, please work us again. Hams throughout the world may communicate problems or suggestions through our pilot stations:

Europe	Martino, IK3RIY (ik3riy@libero.it)
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Oceania	Gary, KH6GMP (kh6gmp@hawaii.rr.com)
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	Freddy, PY3YD (py3yd@radioamador.com)

When we establish a reliable PACTOR link, we will send daily logs and bulletins to our Web site. All logs will be refreshed upon our return to Tarawa on April 18. The T33C team again thanks all those organizations and individuals who have contributed to the effort....." Contact: Alan Eshleman/K6SRZ (doctore@well.com) ... For the T33C team

VP9, BERMUDA (A Real Early Annoucement!). Jon, N0JK, informs OPDX that he will be active in the **CQ 160 CW Contest** in **January 2005**. He mentions that he will have a decent transmit antenna and use a receive antenna.

WARD 2004. Sylwester, SP2FAP, MK QTC Editor, informs OPDX that the WARD 2004 Award (**World Amateur Radio Day 2004 Award**) is designed to commemorate the "World Amateur Radio Day" celebrated by the IARU on April 18th each year. The Award is issued by the MK QTC (Polish Amateur Radio Journal) with support of the PZK (The Polish Amateur Radio Union). WARD 2004 will be granted/issued for at least the following numbers of contacts (any stations in the world): either 10 QSOs on HF bands, or 5 QSOs on VHF+ bands. All contacts must be made between 0000-2400z on April 18th. Send a standard application form (log extract), including the list of QSOs, to: Redakcja MK QTC, ul. Wielmozy 5b, 82-337 Suchacz-Zamek, Poland, on or before May 31st, 2004. The price of the WARD 2004 Award is 10 IRCs or USD 5.00 or EUR 5.00. Full-color Award, size: 210 x 297 mm. The WARD 2004 Award is also available to SWL's for the same numbers of reports. More info is available at the following E-mail/Web page: qtc@post.pl and <http://qtc.radio.org.pl/ward2004/>. Their motto: "Radio Amateurs: Pioneers in Bridging Barriers to World Understanding"

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ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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